

# ROCKVILLE

## Reports

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## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Features Local Journalist



Courtland Milloy

To commemorate Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Day, the Mayor and Council and the Human Rights Commission will host a celebration featuring Courtland Milloy, a local journalist, on Monday, Jan. 15, at noon, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Milloy, a *Washington Post* staff writer and columnist, has been covering issues affecting Washington since 1975.

As a court and police reporter in Prince Georges County, he was recognized for his outstanding coverage of police brutality, and he also has reported on the effects of independence among former British colonies when he was assigned to the Caribbean as a foreign correspondent. When he wrote for the *Post's Style* section, Milloy profiled such illuminaries as champion boxer Muhammad Ali, painter Lawrence Jacob, and reggae singer Bob Marley.

Since 1993, his column, which appears on Wednesdays and Sundays in the *Metro* section, has been a must read for people who want to know the "heart-beat" of the nation's capital.

In addition to his writing, Milloy is the commentator for Black Entertainment Network News, and he hosts his own weekly TV show *For Black Men Only*, which highlights the views of black men in a variety of public issues that affect them privately.

A member of the National Association of Black Journalists and Sigma Delta Chi (the society of professional journalists), Milloy was elected one of the Washingtonians of the Year in 1988 and named Best Columnist of the Year by the Capitol

Press Club in 1990.

Also in 1990, the Concerned Black Men honored him for outstanding contributions to understanding the plight of black men in America. He also has been recognized by the American Red Cross, the American Lung Association, and the American Cancer Society for his writings on the health issues affecting black Americans.

In addition to Milloy, the City's MLK celebration will include performances by Souls in Motion, Signs of Music, the CHARACTER COUNTS! Theatre Troupe, Maryvale's Finest, Daryl Davis with Geraldine Payton-Brown, and the Faith Community Baptist Church Chorus. The F. Michael Taff Award and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award also will be presented.

After the celebration, a discussion on human relations in Rockville will take place in the Social Hall. Refreshments will be served.

The theater is wheelchair-accessible, and the program will be sign-language interpreted for people with hearing impairments. Individuals with disabilities who require assistance to attend this event or who have questions about accessibility may contact Rockville's ADA coordinator at 301-309-3300 or TDD 301-309-3187.

For recorded directions to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, located at Rockville Civic Center Park, call 301-309-3007. ❖

CALL 301-309-3388 FOR MORE INFO

## Evaluating Alternatives for the Cabin John Sewer Study

After a year's work, City staff and the Cabin John Sewer committee, made up of residents and business owners, are meeting this month to decide on the next step in the Cabin John Sewer Study.

During this meeting, participants will evaluate different upgrades or changes to the Cabin John Sewer system and make recommendations on them. Each alternative will be ranked on criteria such as environmental impact, constructibility, traffic impact, cost, maintenance, etc.

After this is completed, a report will be developed that will include the findings and recommendations. It will be used to design any upgrades. A public meeting is planned in 2001 to present this report to the public.

The Cabin John Sewer Study began in January 2000, to determine if the existing

system could meet the needs of Rockville's growing population. It was limited to the main trunk of the Cabin John sewer line, which was built in the 1950s.

"Due to the diversity of the land uses along the trunk sewer, the study was divided into three zones," explained John Hollida, a civil engineer for the City. "The northern zone is designated the 'Town Center.' The middle zone is designated 'residential,' and the lower zone is designated 'wooded stream valley.'"

The terminus of the trunk main is located at Montrose Rd. in the southern portion of the city. At that point, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission sewer lines transport the sewage flow to the Blue Plains Treatment facility.

Phase I of the study, which was com-

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## Changes to City Elections Planned

Elections are a hot topic in the news, and Rockville is no different. However, Rockville's Board of Supervisors of Elections has been working since last spring to bring about some major changes in City elections that include reducing the number of voting districts from 12 to six.

"It's time. These changes are needed," said Doris Ecelbarger, chair of the board. "For example, the map of the voting districts hasn't been revised since 1979. Needless to say, Rockville has seen some major changes since then."

The board began working on these changes in April so, if approved by the Mayor and Council, they can be in place for the November 2001 election. The Mayor and Council introduced the amendments at their Nov. 27 meeting. The next step is a Public Hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 16, where residents are invited to give their input on the proposed revisions.

The biggest changes are the establishment of new boundaries for election districts and new polling places. This is based on a need to correct any mapping inaccuracies and reflect annexations such as the King Farm and Falls Grove; a desire to use as many City-owned facilities as possible as polling places; and an aspiration to include approximately 1,000 voters in each district.

"The consolidation of the districts also will allow us to make the elections more cost effective," explained Ecelbarger, "and when determining the sites, we made sure voters would not have to travel farther than three miles to reach their polling place."

Another change would be to eliminate the required manual recount of two random districts following each election. This requirement was put in place when Rockville switched from automatic voting machines to punch cards to assure that elections are efficient and honest.

"All the years we've been doing these recounts, we've never had an error," explained Ecelbarger. "It just seems unnecessary, especially since we test the machines for accuracy before each election."

Other changes include:

- Raising the age of persons allowed to accompany voters into the voting booth from five to 11 years to be consistent with State law. Many of the City's election judges also serve in County and State elections so uniformity in the law helps them perform their duties.
- Revising the candidates' information packet to make it more

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## Calendar of Events

### City Events

**1** New Year's Day; City Hall closed

**5,6** National Chamber Orchestra; See Focus on the Arts (FOTA) insert

**7** Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit Opening; See FOTA insert

**7** Glenview Mansion Sunday Afternoon Concert; See FOTA insert

**12,13,19,20,21,26,27** Rockville Little Theatre; See FOTA insert

**15** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration; See pg. 1

**26** Rockville Concert Band Chamber Ensemble; See FOTA insert

*For more information about City events, call 301-309-3322. To register for Recreation and Parks' programs, call 301-309-3340.*

## Imagine Rockville

**12** Town Center Action Team; 7 p.m.; Red Brick Courthouse, Room 105

*To join an Imagine Rockville Action Team or to find out about meetings, call the hotline at 301-315-6556 or visit the City's Web site at [www.ci.rockville.md.us](http://www.ci.rockville.md.us).*

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# For Seniors

- 4 Body Fat Composition; 10 a.m.; Free
- 8 New Session Exercise Classes begin this week; See Winter Recreation Guide for more information
- 8 Daytime Citizenship Classes begin; 12:30 p.m.; Take place on Mondays and Wednesdays for eight weeks; Free
- 9,17 Blood Pressure Screening; 10 a.m.; Free
- 10 Evening Citizenship Classes begin; 7 p.m.; Take place on Wednesdays for eight weeks; Free
- 11 Multi-Media Art Drop-In; 10 a.m.; eight-week program; Activity #85210; Register by Jan. 8; Free
- 16 Aromatherapy – This Night’s for You; 7 p.m.; Activity #8516; Register by Jan. 2; \$18 members, \$23 non-members
- 17 Classical Music Appreciation – Music in the French Style; 1 p.m.; Activity #8522; Register by Jan. 10; Free
- 17 Common Back Problems; 1 p.m.; Free
- 18 Pool Tournament; 10 a.m.; Activity #1525; Register by Jan. 11; Free
- 18 Reading the Financial Pages; 10:30 a.m.; Free
- 18 Hearing Screening; Call for an appointment; Free
- 22,24 AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving; 10 a.m.; Activity #8512; Register by Jan. 11; \$10 members and non-members, check payable to AARP
- 23 Be Fit While You Sit; 10:15 a.m.; Free
- 23 Winter Soups and Stews; 10:30 a.m.; Activity #8508; Register by Jan. 11; \$8 members, \$12 non-members
- 25 Tulips in a Heart Basket; 1 p.m.; Activity #8518; Register by Jan. 16; \$20 members, \$25 non-members

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# City Projects UPDATE

## Recreation and Parks

**Hungerford/Stoneridge Elwood Smith Community Center** • General renovations, accessibility upgrades, and room added • upon approval of bids and awarding of contract, construction to begin in May with completion in September

**Dawson Farm Park** • Converting Ritchie Pkwy. dead-end to greenspace • will include: art, historical signs, improvements to granary foundation, and changes to stormwater management facility • construction in winter

**Potomac Woods/Horizon Hill Falls Rd.** • Building a bike trail on Wootton Pkwy. to Dunster Rd. on the east side • construction underway

**West End Skate Park** • Bid awarded for site preparation and installation of asphalt base, fencing, etc. • bids advertised for procurement of ramps and other park equipment • construction in winter/spring • May opening

**Twinbrook Street Tree Replacement** • Multi-year, ongoing project • removes and replaces trees that are hazardous, in major decline, or severely damaged by utilities

**General Projects Millennium Trail** • Phase I (Wootton Pkwy. from Falls Rd. to Glen Mill Rd.) underway • Phase II (Norbeck Rd. from Gude Dr. to Wootton Pkwy.) design underway

**Nature Center** • At Rockville Civic Center Park • design complete and grant received • construction to begin in winter/spring

**I-270/Rt. 28 Bike and Pedestrian Bridge** • Design stage • a citizen/staff taskforce being formed

**Beall-Dawson Historical Park** • Replace steps from N. Adams St. to sidewalk according to the Historical Landscape and Master Plan Study • underway

**Playground Equipment Improvements** • Replacing equipment at Lone Oak and Welsh Parks in winter/spring

**Parks Topographical, Tree, and Boundary Survey** • To update the topographical data for parks and grounds on east side • provide for improved planning, asset inventory, and maintenance • fall, winter, and spring

**Swim Center** • Investigating expansion to include meeting and class rooms and expanded fitness area • feasibility and concept design in winter

**City Hall Expansion** • Construct new wing and renovate existing building to accommodate overcrowding and future staff • new entrance on Maryland Ave. • technology and energy upgrades • additional parking on corner of Fleet St. and Maryland Ave. being studied • design/engineering phase in progress • construction in fiscal year ’02

**Energy Performance and Equipment Improvement Study** • Focus on major City facilities • includes energy audits, system performance, equipment replacement/upgrades, maintenance operations, and energy savings • to provide highly efficient, functional, and energy efficient mechanical systems • multi-year project

**Park Land Acquisition Fund** • Establishes a master plan for the potential acquisition of private lands adjacent to public parks or in environmentally sensitive areas • may entail purchasing easements or purchase of land • on-going

CALL 301-309-3330 FOR MORE INFO

## Public Works

**East Rockville Horners Lane Water Tank** • Remove tank in fall, prior to starting Highland Rd. project • Recreation and Parks working with the surrounding neighborhoods to determine the use of land

**Hungerford/Stoneridge Cabin John Relief Sewer** • Considering options to increase the capacity of parts of the old, undersized, sanitary-sewage pipe that currently runs from Town Center through the Hungerford/Stoneridge neighborhood • community input sought • private consultant to review

**West End Great Falls Rd.** • Improve the safety and appearance of the road from Monument St. to W. Montgomery Ave. • funded by State of Maryland • will reline and replace portions of water line in early spring before actual road work begins

**General Projects Highland Ave.** • Improve street with addition of a turn-around, storm drain, and asphalt paving • design work started • attempting to tie project with removal of water tank from park at the end of street • construction in spring ’01

**Neighborhood Traffic Control** • new traffic signals and right turn lane completed in front of Wootton High School

**Gude Drive Noise Study** • Phase II awarded • gathering data with results this winter

**Falls Rd. Bike Lane** • Construction from Wootton Pkwy. to Dunster La. parallel to Falls Rd. underway

CALL 301-309-3220 FOR MORE INFO

**Cabin John Sewer**, from pg. 1  
pleted in June and looked at the existing sewer flows and future flows based on the ultimate development of the surrounding area, determined some upgrades were required. The ultimate development flows were estimated from the City’s Master Plan and potential growth over the next 30 years. “At that point, City staff and our consultant developed a laundry list of alternatives for the insufficient segments,” continued Hollida. “We also established a matrix, which will be used to rank all of them.” These alternatives, which will be evaluated by the committee, include such things as running a parallel system along the existing system or building an entirely new sewer system to replace the old one. Residents should watch future issues of *Rockville Reports*, the City’s Web site (www.ci.rockville.md.us), *The Rockville Channel* (channel 11), and their mail for information about future meetings. ❖

CALL 301-309-3234 FOR MORE INFO

**Election Changes**, from pg. 1  
“user friendly” and having it available by May 1 of election years. • Amending the City Charter so the newly elected Mayor and Council are not required to hold their first meeting within 13 days after the election. • Authorizing the Board of Supervisors of Elections to modify the 50-foot boundary area for electioneering to accommodate unusual sites and/or weather conditions provided that no canvassing, electioneering, or postings are allowed within the building where ballots are cast, and that no voter ingress or egress to the polling place is impeded. • Making absentee ballot applications available by May 1 of election years and having them available on the City’s Web site. As soon as possible after the Public Hearing, the proposed changes will either be adopted by the Mayor and Council as is or altered based on input received from residents. ❖

CALL 301-309-3310 FOR MORE INFO

## A Town Center Update

Rockville’s Town Center continues to be a hub of activity as we enter the year 2001. Here is a rundown of what’s going on: • The Town Center Master Plan Advisory Group has been appointed and has started to review the recommendations made by the City’s consultant. • Construction continues on the new building site at 11 N. Washington St. as does the refurbishing of the building at 401 N. Washington St. • A site plan has been filed for a 2,000-square-foot Giant Food Store, which will be located at 625 Hungerford Dr. (the former Hechinger site). • The design phase for the new Rockville Regional Library has begun. • The feasibility of the options developed as part of the State Highway Administration Town Center Study are being evaluated by interested groups. A public meeting will take place in February. Watch for more information. ❖

CALL 301-309-3244 FOR MORE INFO



In Brief

Inclement Weather Policy

Wondering if a City meeting or a Recreation and Parks program has been cancelled because of weather? Tune in to WMAL (AM630) or WRQZ (FM107.3), or WJLA (TV Ch. 7), WUSA (TV Ch. 9) or WRC (TV Ch. 4), or FOX (TV Ch. 5). For Recreation and Parks programs, you also may call: league play – 301-309-3333; afternoon, evening, or Saturday and Sunday programs – 301-309-3336; or special events – 301-309-3334.

The following policies apply: when Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) close due to weather, all City Recreation and Parks programs are cancelled; if MCPS open late, Recreation and Parks programs are cancelled for the morning; and if MCPS close early, all afternoon and evening programs are cancelled. If schools don’t close, but a weather emergency develops, a decision will be made on afternoon programs by 2 p.m. and announced on the message lines. For league play, a decision will be made by 3 p.m., and for special events, the policy varies.

Snow Removal

Just a reminder that the City’s snow ordinance requires that snow be removed from sidewalks, steps, driveways, parking spaces, and similar paved areas for public use (including access ramps and curbs) within 24 hours after a snow fall of three inches or less, and within 48 hours after a snowfall of more than three inches, to provide a safe, unobstructed, passable path 36-inches wide. Ice must be removed or treated within 24 hours, and surfaces must be treated to prevent re-freezing. Senior citizens or people with disabilities who need assistance with snow removal should call 301-309-3050 or 301-309-3261.

CALL 301-309-3261 FOR MORE INFO

Christmas Tree Recycling

During each week in January, Christmas trees will be collected at the curb along with other recyclables. Please remove any stands, nails, decorations, or tinsel, then place the tree at the curb. Don’t use a plastic bag. Wire bound wreaths should be placed at the curb along with your trash and should be kept separate from your Christmas tree.

CALL 301-309-3094 FOR MORE INFO

Bike Rack Program

The City installed five new bicycle parking racks in Town Center. Four are located at the Magruder Shopping Center – two in front of Chevy Chase Bank and two in front of Starbucks – and one is across the street by Pizza Oven. The City plans to continue installing additional racks throughout the city over the coming year. Rockville also offers assistance to city businesses that encourage employees to bike to work, including making bike racks available for the businesses to install.

CALL 301-315-5795 FOR MORE INFO

Off-Leash Testing

Rockville’s Neighborhood Services Division of Animal Control will conduct its Off-Leash Testing on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 10 a.m., in the Middle Ln. parking lot.

CALL 301-309-3115 FOR MORE INFO

Decluttering Workshop

Get organized in the new year with a decluttering workshop on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m., at the Senior Center. The cost is \$26 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. There also is a \$4 materials fee.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Senior Center Bingo

Join the Senior Center for Bingo every Wednesday night. Early bird games start at 7 p.m., and regular games start at 7:30 p.m. Everyone older than age 18 is welcome. There is free food with admission.

CALL 301-309-3161 FOR MORE INFO

Sahaja Yoga

Learn stress management and self-awareness through a free meditative yoga class on Mondays at 6:30 p.m., at Rockville’s Community Services Offices, 32 Courthouse Sq.

CALL 301-309-3077 FOR MORE INFO

Holiday Drive Wrap Up

The 2000 Rockville Holiday Drive will wrap up with a recognition ceremony on Monday, Jan. 8, for major donors who have contributed at least \$200. Also, monetary contributions are still needed to cover the rising costs of toys and food certificates distributed in December. Donations should be in the form of a check made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund and mailed to: Department of Community Services, Attn.: Rockville Holiday Drive.

day Drive, 32 Courthouse Sq., Rockville MD 20850.

A New Look for Rockville Vehicles

You may have noticed that Rockville’s cars and trucks have a new look. Currently, new artwork – the City seal and the words “City of Rockville, Maryland” – is being placed on the City’s vehicle fleet to replace the 20-year-old rust-colored logo.

Aerial Deer Survey

An aerial survey of Rockville’s deer population will be conducted in late February or early March using forward looking infrared radar. The three stream valley areas will be flown over at night, and the data will provide information as to the current status of the deer population. This project is in cooperation with Montgomery County.

Budget Dates


It’s budget season once again. Be sure to mark the following important budget dates on your calendar:

- Jan. 29 – Outside agency requests due
- Feb. 5 – Budget Work Session #1
- Feb. 20 – Budget Work Session #2 (optional)
- April 9 – City Manager Budget Presentation
- April 10 – Proposed budget available
- April 30 – Budget Public Hearing #1
- May 7 – Budget Public Hearing #2
- May 14 – Budget Work Session #1
- May 21 – Budget Work Session #2
- Aug. 10 – Adopted budget available

Para Ud.

Limpieza de Nieve

Acuérdese, que las leyes de la Ciudad de Rockville indican que los habitantes tienen que limpiar la nieve de las aceras, los escalones, los estacionamientos de automóviles, y también de otras áreas pavimentadas tales como las rampas de acceso para las personas necesitadas. Se tiene que cumplir con este deber dentro de 24 horas si la nevada consiste de 3 pulgadas o menos y dentro de 48 horas si la nevada es de 3 pulgadas o más. La limpieza debe garantizar un paso de 36 pulgadas. Se debe de quitar el hielo dentro de 24 horas, y se le debe deber hacer un tratamiento a la superficie para prevenir que se congele de nuevo. Las personas mayores o otras personas necesitadas que requieren ayuda para limpiar la nieve pueden llamar al 301-309-3050 o al 301-309-3261.



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**26 Cholesterol Screening;** Call for an appointment; New fees, \$21 for ages 55 and older, and \$25 for 54 and younger

**29 Acupuncture and Therapeutic Massage;** 10:15 a.m.; Free

**29 Winter Ceramics Class;** 10:30 a.m.; four-week class; Activity #8521; Register by Jan. 22; \$15 material fee per class; Pre-class meeting on Jan. 22

**31 Probate Process and Estate Laws;** 10:15 a.m.; Free

For more information, call 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require an in-person or mail-in registration.

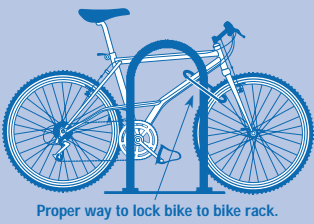
For Teens

**15 Ski Whitetail Trip;** 8 a.m.; Prices vary depending on package; Register by Jan. 3

**19 Robert Frost Middle School Teen Club Dance;** 7:30 p.m.; Seventh and eighth grades only; \$2 Teen Club members, \$5 non-members

**26 Robert Frost Middle School Teen Club Dance;** 7:30 p.m.; Sixth grade only; \$2 Teen Club members, \$5 non-members

For more information, call the Rockville Teen Program Coordinator at 301-309-3345.



Rockville Bikeways: Tips to Defeat Bike Thieves

- Always lock your bicycle, even if you’re just leaving it for a minute. Keep it locked on porches or in back yards as well as in the street.
- Use a sturdy lock. U-shaped locks tend to work best. If you choose a chain or cable, choose the heaviest you can carry. For maximum security, use a U-shaped lock for the frame and one wheel and a cable for the other wheel.

### Rockville’s Holiday Splendor



*During the holiday season, the City’s Glenview Mansion, located at Rockville Civic Center Park, was adorned with festive decorations. Each room was bedecked by volunteers from the Rockville area.*





# January Program Schedule

## REGULAR PROGRAMS

### Mayor & Council Live

Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.  
General Session  
Jan. 16 (Tues.), 7:30 p.m.  
Public Hearing  
Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.  
General Session

### Meeting Replays

Mon., 7:30 p.m.  
(if no live meetings)  
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.  
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.  
Sun. and Sat, 9 a.m.

### City Hall Report

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m.  
Noon, 6 p.m., and  
10 p.m.

### Mayor and Council Review

Daily, 7:30 a.m.,  
11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.,  
and 10:30 p.m.

### Cityline

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.  
and 12:30 p.m.  
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

## SPECIALS

### This is Rockville

Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.  
Daily, 1 p.m.  
Wed.-Sat., 9 p.m.  
Sun., Mon., and Tues.,  
11 p.m.

### Reach Individual Self Empowerment (RISE)

Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.  
Daily, 1:30 p.m.  
(through Jan. 25)  
Sun., Mon., and Tues,  
7 p.m.  
Wed.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.

### Caregivers

Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.  
Daily, 2 p.m.  
(through Jan. 25)  
Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.  
(through Jan. 25)

### Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

(after Jan. 25)  
Daily, 1:30 p.m.  
Wed.-Sat., 7 p.m.

# Inside City Hall

## Meetings, Minutes, etc.

## Minutes Highlights

From the Nov. 13 and 27 meetings:

The Mayor and Council:

- Appointed: Cicero Salles (Planning Commission); and Linda MacDermid and Tim Marsh (Retirement Board).
- Introduced an ordinance to amend Sections 13.5-3 and 13.5-8 of the Rockville City Code entitled *Moderately Priced Housing* to update definitions and to permit Rockville Housing Enterprises to assign its option to buy or lease moderately priced dwelling units.
- Discussed and instructed staff on Comprehensive Planned Development Concept Plan Amendment CPD 1985-0001B, Boston Properties Limited Partnership, applicant. It would allow an addition to the density of the office area and free-standing restaurant site and allow mechanical equipment spaces in the cellars to not count toward the gross floor area calculations.
- Discussed, instructed staff on, and introduced an ordinance to grant zoning map amendment MAP 2000-00065 that would rezone a 13,085 square foot lot and the Wootton's Mill Miller's House from the R-150 zone to R-150 Historic District.
- Adopted an ordinance to grant text amendment application TXT2000-0184, Hebrew Home of Greater Washinton, applicant. It would modify the zoning ordinance to allow the use of the ownership plat process in residential zones when the property will contain more than one building and be used for other than one-family residential purposes.
- Adopted an ordinance to grant zoning map amendment MAP 2000-00067 that would rezone 2.63 acres of land from the R-S zone to R-S Historic District. The proposed district includes 71,019 square feet, the Rose Hill Mansion, and the 66-foot contiguous right-of-way of Rose Petal Way.
- Awarded bid #22-01 to Concrete General Inc., of Gaithersburg, Md., in the amount of \$275,380, for annual stormwater management maintenance.
- Awarded bid #40-01 to Charles B. Johnson and Associates, of Silver Spring, Md., in the amount of \$20,350, for a boundary and topographic survey, a natural resource inventory forest stand delineation, a forest conservation plan, a wetland delineation, and a mitigation plan for the City's maintenance facility.
- Awarded bid #41-01 to Santosh Inc., of College Park, Md., in the amount of \$59,572, for phase I construction of the Skate Park.
- Introduced an ordinance to amend Section 1-8 entitled *Application of County Law* of the Rockville City Code so as to allow Chapter 24-9 of the Montgomery County Code entitled *Tobacco Products Placement* to apply within the city.
- Introduced a resolution to amend Section 3 of Article III, entitled *Registration, Nominations, and Elections* of the charter of the City of Rockville to amend the provisions for nominating petitions for the Rockville City elections.
- Introduced a resolution to amend Section 2 of Article II, entitled *The Mayor and Council*, of the charter of the City of Rockville to eliminate the provisions that the Mayor and

Council meet 13 days after elections.

- Introduced an ordinance to amend Chapter 8 of the Rockville City Code, entitled *Elections*, to: reduce the number of election districts from 12 to six; delete the provision for a manual count for two election districts; provide applications for absentee ballots by May 1 in an election year; increase the age from five to 11 for persons accompanying a voter into the voting booth or machine; and allow the Board of Supervisors of Elections to modify, under certain conditions, the restrictions on electioneering.

*The complete minutes from the Mayor and Council meetings are available from the City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 301-309-3310.*

## Mayor & Council Calendar

Jan. 8 ..... General Session  
Jan. 16 ..... Public Hearing  
Jan. 22 ..... General Session  
Jan. 29 ..... Work Session

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are televised live on *The Rockville Channel* (channel 11). They are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, if there is no live meeting scheduled; Tuesdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; daily at 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m.

## Mayor & Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis, in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open.

Jan. 8 ..... Glennon Harrison  
Jan. 16 ..... Anne Robbins  
Jan. 22 ..... Bob Wright

While Drop-In is on a first-come, first-served basis, visitors are urged to call 301-309-3310 ahead of time so we are better prepared to serve your needs and to verify the meeting schedule.

## Vacancies

### Cultural Arts Commission (one vacancy):

This nine-member commission encourages the arts and culture in the city. It recommends to the Mayor and Council appropriate programs, activities, and utilization policies of the City facilities, which will add to the further development of Rockville as a cultural center. Members serve for overlapping two-year terms.

### Human Rights Commission (one vacancy):

This 11-member Commission is charged with eliminating discrimination in the City by providing free mediation services and training, and by sponsoring workshops, seminars and events like the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration that help promote the ideals and benefits of diversity. Members serve overlapping four-year terms and serve as volunteer mediators.

### Human Services Advisory Commission (one vacancy):

This nine-member commission advises and guides Mayor and Council on human service needs in Rockville. It monitors changes in human needs in the city, assists in deciding appropriate City roles and priorities concerning human services, and works to ensure accountability and cost-effectiveness of City and outside providers of human services. They also may study specific human service-related problems. Members serve overlapping three-year terms.

### Rockville Representative to the Board of Directors for Montgomery Community Television Inc. (one vacancy):

Applicants must be a subscriber to a cable service franchised by the Montgomery County government and be available to participate in bi-monthly meetings. Members are responsible for outreach to the community, policy formulation, performance evaluation, and budget approval.

**Senior Commission (two vacancies):** This nine-member body proposes programs, activities, legislation, etc., to meet the needs of senior citizens in Rockville and conducts such studies as are necessary to determine those needs. Terms are for three years.

*If you wish to serve on a citizen's board or commission, call the City Clerk at 301-309-3310 for an Expression of Interest Form.*

## Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310 to verify the schedule of meetings.

**Jan. 6, 9 a.m.**

Board of Appeals

**Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m.**

Human Services Advisory Commission,  
32 Courthouse Sq.

**Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m.**

Science, Technology, and Environment  
Commission

**Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m.**

Cultural Arts Commission

**Jan. 10 and 24, 7 p.m.**

Planning Commission

**Jan. 16, 1:15 p.m.**

Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center

**Jan. 16, 7 p.m.**

Historic District Commission

**Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.**

Rockville Housing Enterprises,  
14 Moore Dr.

**Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m.**

Sister City Corp.

**Jan. 18, 5 p.m.**

Board of Supervisors of Elections

**Jan. 22, 4 p.m.**

Sign Review Board

**Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.**

Traffic and Transportation Commission

**Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.**

Human Rights Commission

**Jan. 25, 10 a.m.**

Senior Commission, Senior Center

**Jan. 25, 7 p.m.**

Recreation and Parks Advisory  
Commission

**Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m.**

Landlord/Tenant Affairs